Relieving Principal

Last week Mrs Whyte needed to have emergency surgery and as a result she will be away from the school for a few weeks. Mrs Jodi Jones will be relieving as principal until she returns. We wish Mrs Whyte a speedy recovery and I’m sure we will see her from time to time popping in for visits.

Aboriginal Education

During Week 5, 5-6 November, our school will be conducting a snapshot of Aboriginal Education. Visiting coordinators Mark Crouch and Jan Larcombe from ‘Dare to Lead’ will be leading the review. This is an opportunity for students, staff and parents to have input into future directions for our school. All interviews are anonymous and confidential.

If you would like to be a part of this opportunity please contact the Front Office. Thank you for your support.

School Choirs

This week, Mr Wong selected students for the end of year Senior Choir from Years 5 and 6. They will be rehearsing for end of year presentations and performances. Mrs McKenzie is working with students in Infants to prepare also for end of year concerts and has helped the children select songs to learn and for parents and the community to see.

Bucket Hats

Students will be required to wear our blue school bucket hats from the beginning of Term 4. They can be purchased for $5 at the Office.
“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

Messages for our parents

Year 7 entry to a Selective High School
Parents of students in our current Year 5 class have the opportunity to apply for a Selective High School placement. The process is that those interested apply now in Year 5 to sit the statewide test in Term 1, Year 6, with the successful students entering the following year.

Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online up until Monday, 17 November. All applicants are required to sit a Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 12 March 2015.

Kooringal High School is the Selective High School in Wagga. Parents can refer to the Kooringal High School website which has a Selective Education section or they can ring Glyn Leyshon (Principal) for further information.

All Year 5 students last week received an Intention to Apply letter. Please return this letter to school. Please remember it is the responsibility of the parent to enrol and not the responsibility of the school. If parents need assistance or internet access, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Important Dates

- Stage 3 Sydney camp: 19-21 November
- Proud & Deadly Awards: 20 November
- Student leadership elections 2015: 1 December
- MAHS Orientation Day: 3 December
- Sports Assembly: 4 December
- Presentation Night: 8 December
- Student reports: 9 December
- Welfare Assembly: 9 December
- Year 6 Farewell: 10 December
- Year 6 Assembly: 12 December
- Students last day: 17 December

Canteen Roster

Wednesday – T. Bennett
Thursday – T. Bennett
Friday – K. Warner
Monday – D Tootell
Tuesday – K Warner / A Philips
Stage 2 & 3 Bowling
Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be doing lawn bowls this term for sport and all students are expected to participate. Permission notes were sent home last term.

On alternate weeks, each stage will walk to the Rules Club at 1.00pm, and return to school before 3.00pm. Students are required to bring a packed recess, water bottle and school hat on these days. There is no cost for this excursion. Following are the dates for each stage:

- Week 3 - 21 October Stage 2
- Week 4 - 28 October Stage 3
- Week 5 - 4 November Stage 2
- Week 6 - 11 November Stage 3
- Week 7 - 18 November Stage 2
- Week 8 - 25 November Stage 3
- Week 9 - 2 December Stage 2
- Week 10 - 9 December Stage 3

Stage 3 Sydney Camp
The time is fast approaching for the Stage 3 students to be heading off to Sydney for a fantastic 3 day camp. The balance of money needs to be paid as soon as possible to help finalise the activities that have been arranged. There are still places left on the bus so please see the office or Mr Wong if you are keen for your child to participate.

Child Protection
In the mandatory PD/H/PE syllabus this term, Stage 2 and 3 will be learning about puberty and the physical and emotional changes that occur. Please be open to discuss these changes with your children to help them transition more smoothly into the next stage of their lives. If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to come and discuss these with Mr Trevor Robinson or myself.

Mrs Shona Sutton

SRC Design Competition
The SRC are holding a design competition for parents and students in Year 1 to Year 6. The aim of the competition is to design a playscape area for boys/girls in Years 3 and 4 where the trees have been removed next to the Primary COLA. Parents are invited to enter the competition. Templates are available at the Front Office (the measurements are 4.65m by 11.2m). All entries need to be completed by Thursday, 6 November.

Literacy News
Last term, as part of the Gifted and Talented program at the school, selected students sat for the NSW University Competition. All students achieved good results and the following students achieved outstanding results.

Year 2: Kaelin Lyons - Merit
  Chloe Griffiths - Distinction
Year 4: Audrey Putland - Merit
Year 5: Libby Cooper - Credit
Year 6: Alyssa Charlton - Merit
  Jasper Liam - Merit

The school congratulates all the students who participated in the competition and in particular the students who received merit, credit and distinction certificates.

Disco
A reminder that children are to be dropped off by their parents at the Bardia Street entrance for the school disco. Money will be collected there and children will be walked down to the hall. The Ashmont Avenue gates will not be opened for the disco.

Lock Downs and Evacuations
As part of DEC requirements, schools are to carry out mandatory drills for lock downs and evacuations. These will continue in the weeks ahead. Students are reminded that these procedures are for their own safety and that they must comply with instructions from staff. The children should be congratulated on their cooperation and maturity during the recent class evacuation.

Lawn Bowls
Stage Three started Lawn Bowls at the Wagga Wagga Rules Club last Tuesday. They were very excited upon returning to school and all children enjoyed the experience. Stage Two will attend this Friday as there is a lack of volunteers due to the Melbourne Cup.
School Disco

Year 6 are raising funds for the traditional end of year events. We will be running a disco for all students on Thursday 6/11/2014. We will be selling small bags of lollies and glow bands before the event. Also, entry to the disco will be a gold coin, collected at the gate. Rear gate will be locked and all entry must be at the front of the school.

Kindergarten to Year 2: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Years Three to Year Six: 6.00pm - 7:30pm

We look forward to seeing everybody there.

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

Merit Awards

KR: Shalia Fox
KB: Jakaiha Gordon
1J : Alexis Abel
1J : Skye Warhurst
1/2G: Emily Button
1/2G: Summer Johnston
2P: Brock Neisen

AWARDS

Blinky Bill Jnr Award
Kirat Mettla

English Award
Lillie Dowdy

Blinky Bill Awards

KR: Kirat Mettla
K/1B: Latoya Russell
1J: Shaelah Black
1J: Kaylah Clarke
1/2G: Lily Barby
2P: Melodie Wamer

VVCS

Beating the Blues
Wagga Wagga

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th November
9:30am – 4:00pm

This program focuses on understanding and improving depressive moods, and explores related factors such as:

- common thinking patterns
- impact of stress
- emotional responses
- impact on relationships

The program provides practical and proven strategies to:

- solve problems
- challenge unproductive thoughts
- manage stress
- assist with the self management of moods
- improve daily living

VVCS courses are available to Australian veterans, peace keepers, their partners, families and eligible ADF personnel.
All programs are provided at no cost to eligible participants.